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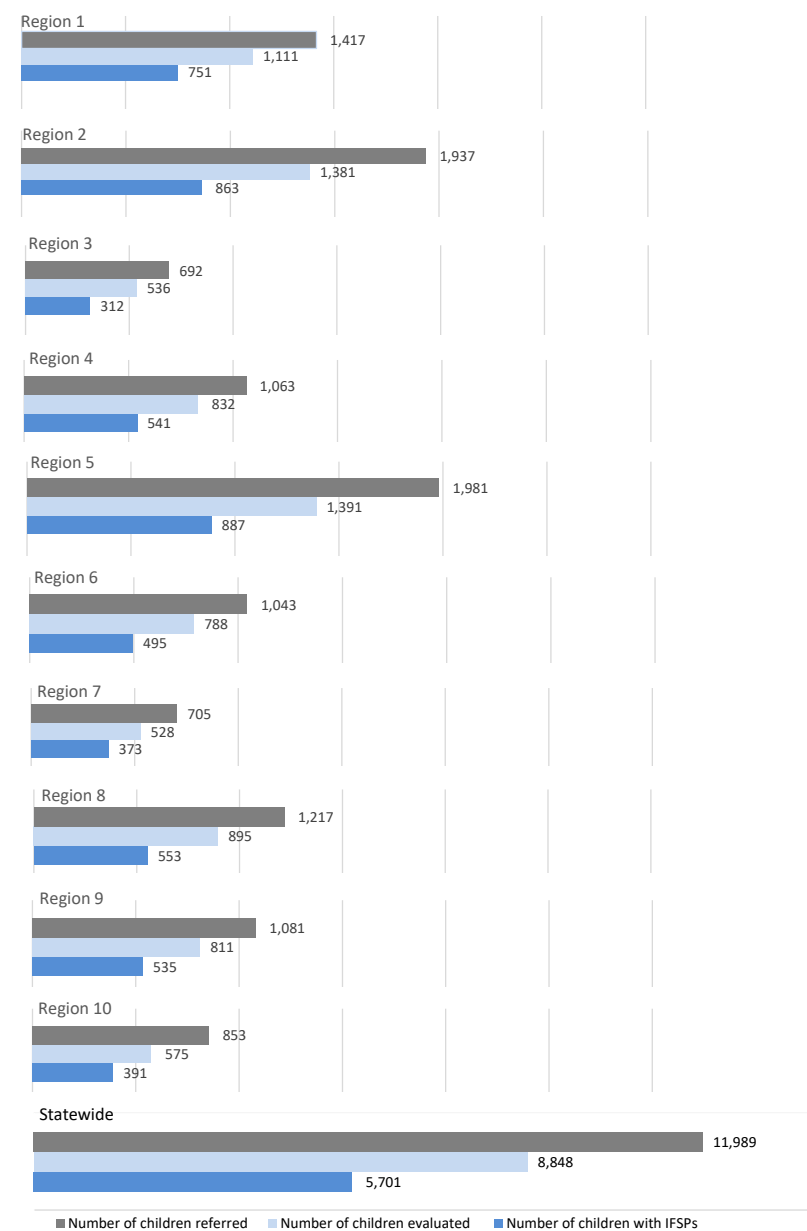
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## Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Number of Children Evaluated, and IFSP Unduplicated Referrals During Last 12 months (February 2024 to January 2025)

SPOE	Category	Number/Rate
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)	Number of children referred	1,417
	Number of children evaluated	1,111
	Number of children with IFSPs	751
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	67.6%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)	Number of children referred	1,937
	Number of children evaluated	1,381
	Number of children with IFSPs	863
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	62.5%
Northeast (Reg. 3)	Number of children referred	692
	Number of children evaluated	536
	Number of children with IFSPs	312
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	58.2%
Northwest (Reg. 4)	Number of children referred	1,063
	Number of children evaluated	832
	Number of children with IFSPs	541
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	65.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)	Number of children referred	1,981
	Number of children evaluated	1,391
	Number of children with IFSPs	887
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	63.8%
Central (Reg. 6)	Number of children referred	1,043
	Number of children evaluated	788
	Number of children with IFSPs	495
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	62.8%
Southwest (Reg. 7)	Number of children referred	705
	Number of children evaluated	528
	Number of children with IFSPs	373
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	70.6%
South Central (Reg. 8)	Number of children referred	1,217
	Number of children evaluated	895
	Number of children with IFSPs	553
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	61.8%
East Central (Reg. 9)	Number of children referred	1,081
	Number of children evaluated	811
	Number of children with IFSPs	535
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	66.0%
Southeast (Reg. 10)	Number of children referred	853
	Number of children evaluated	575
	Number of children with IFSPs	391
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	68.0%
Statewide	Number of children referred	11,989
	Number of children evaluated	8,848
	Number of children with IFSPs	5,701
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	64.4%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

## Comparison of Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Children Evaluated, and Children with IFSPs by SPOE and Statewide



# Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

## Referrals Include Multiple Referrals Per Child

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	814	76	182	751
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	332	16	82	425
IFSP Rate	40.8%	21.1%	45.1%	56.6%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,215	98	164	1,061
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	411	20	51	491
IFSP Rate	33.8%	20.4%	31.1%	46.3%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	584	36	88	177
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	224	9	42	85
IFSP Rate	38.4%	25.0%	47.7%	48.0%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	588	47	116	518
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	247	9	48	286
IFSP Rate	42.0%	19.1%	41.4%	55.2%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,231	171	222	834
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	445	40	98	415
IFSP Rate	36.1%	23.4%	44.1%	49.8%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	905	86	141	270
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	336	28	54	142
IFSP Rate	37.1%	32.6%	38.3%	52.6%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	457	52	122	245
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	172	16	63	162
IFSP Rate	37.6%	30.8%	51.6%	66.1%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	710	177	246	391
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	291	38	97	197
IFSP Rate	41.0%	21.5%	39.4%	50.4%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	693	127	141	442
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	288	22	73	231
IFSP Rate	41.6%	17.3%	51.8%	52.3%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	639	108	1,531	265
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	248	18	652	148
IFSP Rate	38.8%	16.7%	42.6%	55.8%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,836	978	1,531	4,954
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	2,994	216	652	2,582
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	38.2%	22.1%	42.6%	52.1%
% by Source - Statewide	51.2%	6.4%	10.0%	32.4%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	597	127	262	120	1,106
	Percent	54.0%	11.5%	24.5%	10.8%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	791	150	244	197	1,382
	Percent	57.2%	10.9%	20.6%	14.3%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	302	23	115	54	494
	Percent	61.1%	4.7%	31.9%	10.9%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	494	37	130	55	716
	Percent	69.0%	5.2%	19.2%	7.7%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	818	20	234	144	1,216
	Percent	67.3%	1.6%	22.0%	11.8%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	491	26	179	96	792
	Percent	62.0%	3.3%	26.4%	12.1%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	355	33	88	38	514
	Percent	69.1%	6.4%	18.0%	7.4%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	510	87	177	54	828
	Percent	61.6%	10.5%	19.0%	6.5%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	540	32	197	96	865
	Percent	62.4%	3.7%	24.1%	11.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	418	14	127	57	616
	Percent	67.9%	2.3%	21.3%	9.3%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,316	549	1,753	911	8,529
	Percent	62.3%	6.4%	20.6%	10.7%	100.0%

\* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting\*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	959	135	1,094	3	1,097
	Percent	87.4%	12.3%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,200	165	1,365	0	1,365
	Percent	87.9%	12.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	454	38	492	0	492
	Percent	92.3%	7.7%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	648	60	708	0	708
	Percent	91.5%	8.5%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,126	82	1,208	1	1,209
	Percent	93.1%	6.8%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	714	71	785	2	787
	Percent	90.7%	9.0%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	456	54	510	0	510
	Percent	89.4%	10.6%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	695	114	809	0	809
	Percent	85.9%	14.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	803	51	854	3	857
	Percent	93.7%	6.0%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	541	73	614	1	615
	Percent	88.0%	11.9%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	7,596	843	8,439	10	8,449
	Percent	89.9%	10.0%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%

\*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

\*\* Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	4.93%	4.44%	4.29%	3.59%	3.64%	4.34%	4.03%	3.60%	4.49%	4.26%	4.14%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.56%	3.17%	0.00%	2.41%	2.58%	3.88%	1.91%	5.45%	5.99%	4.72%	3.40%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.51%	5.00%	5.14%	4.01%	3.74%	5.93%	4.82%	3.63%	5.78%	5.54%	4.77%
White											
% of Pop.	4.61%	4.18%	4.25%	3.57%	3.77%	4.07%	3.91%	3.58%	4.36%	4.02%	4.00%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	14.29%	1.69%	0.00%	1.22%	0.28%	0.00%	0.94%	3.08%	3.85%	3.45%	1.64%

\*Census data (2023 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

\*\*Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	97	106	19	98	219	72	92	81	48	34	866
Under 3 Pop.	1,478	1,738	489	1,933	5,335	1,263	1,803	1,571	940	724	17,274
% of Pop.	6.56%	6.10%	3.89%	5.07%	4.10%	5.70%	5.10%	5.16%	5.11%	4.70%	5.01%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,009	1,276	475	618	997	720	422	747	817	582	7,663
Under 3 Pop.	20,976	29,390	11,014	18,013	28,073	17,004	10,957	21,400	18,306	13,731	188,864
% of Pop.	4.81%	4.34%	4.31%	3.43%	3.55%	4.23%	3.85%	3.49%	4.46%	4.24%	4.06%

### Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.3%	2.7%	4.2%	14.3%	3.6%	17.4%	7.5%	44.4%	5.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.2%	2.9%	2.4%	11.3%	3.4%	12.2%	5.3%	54.1%	8.3%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	13.9%	5.6%	14.2%	4.7%	56.9%	1.2%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.5%	2.2%	2.8%	21.2%	3.7%	9.4%	5.1%	51.8%	3.3%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.3%	0.7%	5.8%	16.2%	1.6%	8.6%	7.0%	55.3%	4.5%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.6%	0.6%	2.7%	17.8%	2.3%	13.2%	9.0%	49.0%	4.7%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.2%	13.1%	3.3%	14.3%	2.4%	6.9%	9.5%	45.8%	4.3%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.4%	0.9%	2.5%	21.7%	3.6%	10.6%	9.2%	44.8%	6.4%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.1%	1.8%	5.3%	11.7%	1.3%	14.1%	11.0%	51.5%	3.2%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.4%	0.8%	1.9%	22.5%	2.7%	14.5%	8.8%	42.1%	6.1%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.3%	3.6%	16.0%	2.9%	12.2%	7.6%	49.9%	5.2%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.